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cut its throat. There were eight of us mountain men staying together and there were a great many Kebola men. We divided the meat and each one got only ten small cubes. People told my wife, who already had a child, that we had killed a deer and had not sent the meat. My wife said, "We are not married any more. He doesn't send meat." Her mother and father were angry too. When I returned I brought a coconut and some salt. I didn't stop but went right through to my garden at Manifula. I sent the salt and coconut to my mother and asked her to take them to my wife. My mother took them to my wife, but she refused to accept them. So I gave the coconut and salt to the chief of Dikimpe, who was sick. [Pause.] [159]

I stayed here and was not happy, so I returned to Kalabahi. I took a rupiah and lost it all the first night playing cards. Then the doctor wanted to go on a trip, and we went along as carriers. The first night we slept in Alor Kechil. From there we went to Kokar. There were many coconuts. The corporal bought some and we ate them. That night we hunted shrimps and eels, and cooked and ate them. The next day early we went to Aimoling. People came for injections. They brought chickens and money to pay for them. The doctor gave us a present of two chickens and we ate them. We went on and slept at Adang. There the people brought many chickens [to pay] for injections, and the doctor gave us one. The doctor's cooking pot was carried off by a dog. The next day we went to Topibang. After the people had injections we went on to Buyenta. The doctor gave us half a tin of rice and a chicken. We got two other chickens. The carriers of the doctor's assistant and of the corporal got three. The next day the injections were finished. The corporal stayed overnight, but the doctor's adopted child wanted to get back to Kalabahi. So we went that night to Kalabahi. We slept in the house of the doctor's servant near the cemetery and the doctor went home. We had chicken and rice to eat. Then the doctor's servant came and ordered us to carry the luggage on to the doctor's house. We did and came back to sleep. The next day was Sunday, so we did not get our wages. On Monday we went and each was to get two and a half rupiahs, but we were fined because the cooking pot had been stolen by a dog, and so we got only seventy-five cents. My wife and mother-in-law were in the market, so I bought ten cents' worth of fish and ten cents' worth of salt. My wife wouldn't take the fish. She threw it in the ditch. She said she didn't want anything from me. My mother-in-law felt the same way. They went home, so I gave the fish to the wife of the mandur of Dikimpe. [Pause.] That night we [222] [177] [143]